

NOV 07 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-371)

PATENT

In re Application of: Thomason et al.)
Serial No.: 09/391,861) Before the Examiner: D. Nguyen
Filed: September 7, 1999) Group Art Unit: 1632
For: Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like)
Polypeptides)

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

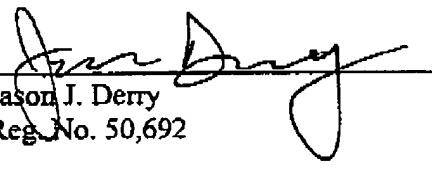
Sir:

PETITION FOR A FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Five-Month Extension of Time to extend the period of reply to and including November 7, 2005. Please charge the requisite amount of \$2160.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff

Dated: November 7, 2005

By: 

Jason J. Derry
Reg. No. 50,692

11/09/2005 HDEMESS1 00000005 132490 09391861

01 FC:1255 2160.00 DA